

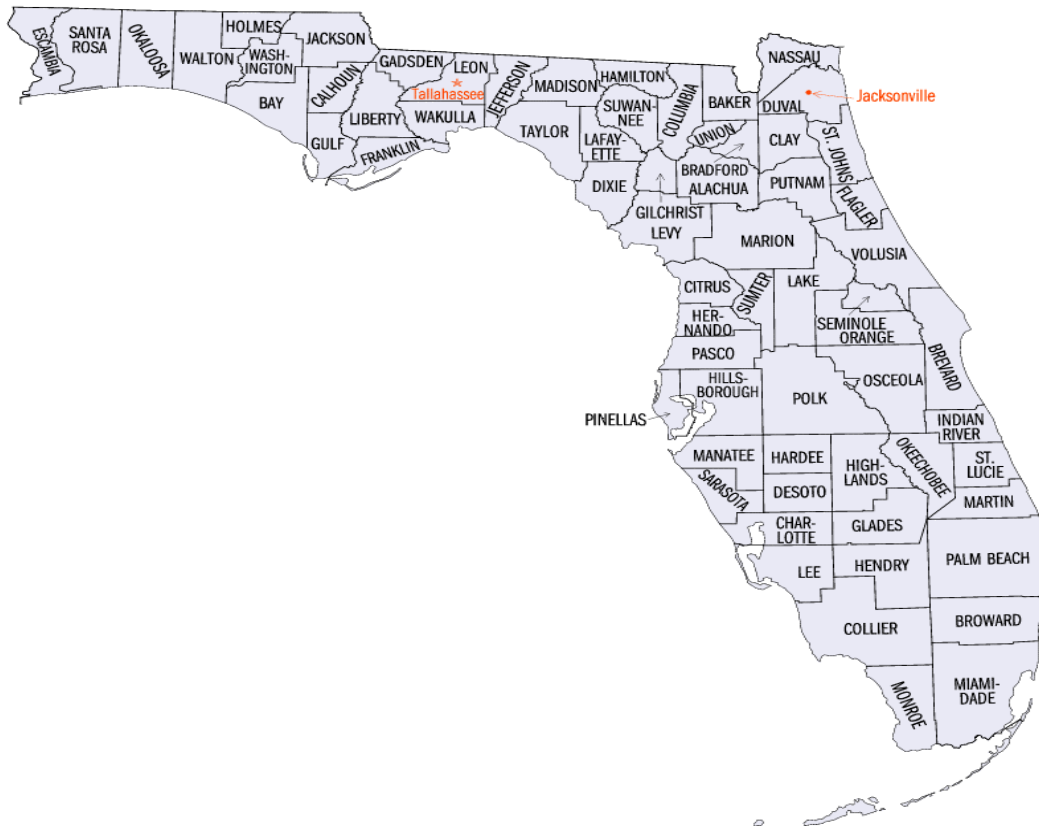
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## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Tallahassee, Florida

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Tallahassee, Florida**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 150,624
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 57.8% white; 33.9% African American/black; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.4% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 0.2% Other; 1.3% two or more races; 4.2% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)
- Tallahassee is located in Leon County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: John Marx<sup>2</sup>
- City Commission: Allan Katz, Mark Mustian, Andrew Gillum, Debbie Lightsey<sup>3</sup>
- City Manager: Anita Favors<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Walter McNeil<sup>5</sup>

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Tallahassee:<sup>6</sup>
  - FY 2003: \$75,000 to The Jackson Partnership (Coalition Mentoring Program grantee)
  - FY 2001 and 2002: no grantees
  - FY 2000: \$100,000 to Jackson County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Partnership
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>7</sup>

The following sections of Tallahassee are part of the Weed and Seed program: Richmond Heights, Murat Hills, and South City.
- FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to agencies/organizations in Tallahassee:<sup>8</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services: \$3,178,000
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$0
  - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$650,000
- Tallahassee did not receive any funding through the FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.<sup>9</sup>
- There were no Tallahassee recipients of the FY 2003 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.<sup>10</sup>
- There were no Tallahassee recipients of the FY 2003 Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program.<sup>11</sup>
- Tallahassee did not receive any funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>12</sup>
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Tallahassee:<sup>13</sup>
  - Discretionary - \$44,017,145
  - Formula - \$96,432,017

- Tallahassee did not receive any funding through the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Federally-Assisted Low Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>14</sup>

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- The Tallahassee Police Department reported 9 murders during 2002.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Reported, Tallahassee, 2002

<b>Offense</b>	<b># of Offenses</b>
Murder	9
Forcible rape	151
Robbery	384
Aggravated assault	1073
Burglary	2262
Larceny	7188
Motor vehicle theft	813

- The Tallahassee Police Department made 1,225 drug arrests during 2002.<sup>16</sup>

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, 2002

<b>Offense</b>	<b># of Arrests</b>
Murder	16
Forcible rape	46
Robbery	58
Aggravated assault	355
Burglary	208
Larceny	1,237
Motor vehicle theft	124
Drug	1,225
Driving under the influence	471

- In 2002, there were 1,483 drug/narcotic arrests in Leon County.<sup>17</sup>

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Leon County, 2002

<b>Crime</b>	<b># of Arrests</b>
Murder	18
Forcible sex offense	68
Robbery	81
Aggravated assault	456
Burglary	337
Larceny	1,503
Motor vehicle theft	165
Drugs/narcotics	1,483
Total arrests*	11,340

\* Includes arrests for offenses not found in table

## Drugs

- Cocaine  
Powder cocaine is increasingly available at nightclubs in metropolitan areas such as Tallahassee.<sup>18</sup> Powder and crack cocaine continue to be observed in the Tallahassee area.<sup>19</sup>
- Methamphetamine  
The Tallahassee Police Department reports a resurgence of methamphetamine manufacturing in local labs.<sup>20</sup>
- Designer Drugs  
Ecstasy, GHB, LSD, and Rohypnol are frequently seen in the Tallahassee college community and at local nightclubs.<sup>21</sup>

## Juveniles

- In 2002, 30% of Leon County high school students (grades 9-11) reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime.<sup>22</sup>

Students Reporting Lifetime Use of Selected Drugs, Leon County, 2000-2002

Drug Type	Middle School		High School	
	2000	2002	2000	2002
Marijuana	17.4%	13.2%	47.7%	30.4%
Inhalants	14.4	15.1	10.8	9.7
Ecstasy	--	5.2	--	6.9
Rohypnol	--	2.8	--	1.1
GHB	--	1.7	--	1.1
Ketamine	--	2.1	--	2.8
LSD/PCP	3.0	3.1	9.6	5.5
Halluc. mushrooms	--	4.0	--	5.6
Cocaine	2.5	4.0	10.2	3.9
Crack cocaine	1.3	1.8	3.7	2.2
Methamphetamine	1.0	4.0	4.4	1.1
Depressants	1.9	3.8	6.2	5.5
Heroin	1.0	0.9	5.1	0.0
OxyContin	--	2.0	--	2.8
Other prescr. pain relievers	--	4.9	--	7.6
Steroids w/o Rx	2.4	2.1	2.2	1.1
Amphetamines	--	5.3	--	7.8
Any illicit drug	27.7	21.1	50.6	35.4

- Approximately 16% of Leon County high school students surveyed in 2002 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.<sup>23</sup>

Students Reporting Past 30 Day Use of Selected Drugs, Leon County, 2000-2002

Drug Type	Middle School		High School	
	2000	2002	2000	2002
Marijuana	9.6%	8.6%	28.4%	15.9%
Inhalants	6.1	4.8	3.0	2.2
Ecstasy	--	2.6	--	1.8
Rohypnol	--	1.1	--	1.1
GHB	--	1.9	--	0.0
Ketamine	--	1.1	--	0.0
LSD/PCP	1.8	0.9	6.2	1.1
Halluc. mushrooms	--	1.7	--	1.1
Cocaine	0.9	1.8	5.2	1.7
Crack cocaine	0.9	0.3	1.5	0.0
Methamphetamine	0.7	1.5	2.8	0.0
Depressants	0.5	2.2	1.9	2.8
Heroin	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
OxyContin	--	0.3	--	0.0
Other prescr. pain relievers	--	2.2	--	3.8
Steroids w/o Rx	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.0
Amphetamines	--	2.7	--	2.8
Any illicit drug	14.6	12.7	30.2	16.4

- During 2002, the mean age when Leon County middle school students first used marijuana was 12.2 years old.<sup>24</sup>

Mean Age of First Substance Use, Leon County, 2002

	Middle School	High School	Total
More than a sip or two of alcohol	11.1	13.0	12.2
Drinking at least once a month	12.3	14.3	13.6
Cigarettes	11.4	12.6	12.1
Marijuana	12.2	14.1	13.6

**Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 477 full-time law enforcement employees in Tallahassee (336 officers and 141 civilians).<sup>25</sup>

**Trafficking and Seizures**

- During 2002, 25 marijuana plants were seized in Leon County as part of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication program.<sup>26</sup>
- From FY 2001-2002, the Tallahassee Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit seized \$1,000,000 worth of powder cocaine, \$322,697 worth of marijuana, \$61,685 worth of crack, and \$58,990 worth of designer drugs, steroids, and methamphetamine.<sup>27</sup>

## Courts

### ➤ Drug Courts<sup>28</sup>

As of September 2003, there were 2 drug courts in Tallahassee that have been in existence for more than 2 years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Tallahassee at that time.

## Corrections

### ➤ In 2002, the average daily population at the Leon County Jail was 1,001.<sup>29</sup>

## Consequences of Use

### ➤ From January through June 2003, there were 18 drug-related deaths in Tallahassee in which cocaine was involved.<sup>30</sup> During 2002, there were 33 such deaths.<sup>31</sup> There were 28 cocaine-involved deaths in Tallahassee during 2001.<sup>32</sup>

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Tallahassee, 2001-June 2003

Drug Involved	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Jan-June 2003
Cocaine only	7	11	5
Cocaine with other drug	21	22	13
Heroin only	0	0	0
Heroin with other drug	1	0	0
Oxycodone only	0	1	1
Oxycodone with other drug	8	2	2
Hydrocodone only	0	1	0
Hydrocodone with other drug	6	6	7
Methadone only	0	0	0
Methadone with other drug	0	5	2
Methylated amphetamine only	0	0	Not avail.
Methylated amphetamine with other drug	2	1	Not avail.

### ➤ In 2002, lethal amounts of cocaine were found in 10 Tallahassee deaths.<sup>33</sup>

Drug-Related Deaths by Lethal/Non-Lethal Levels, Tallahassee, 2002

Drugs	Lethal Levels	Non-Lethal Levels
Heroin	0	0
Cocaine	10	23
Methadone	1	4
Oxycodone	2	1
Hydrocodone	1	6
Methylated	0	1

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